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1. PRESIDENT SIAD'S SPEECH TO PAN AFRICAN WOMAN'S ORGANIZATION
IN MOGADISCIO APRIL 3 PROVIDES MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF HIS USE OF
MARXIST DIALECTIC AND OF HISTORICAL INEVITABILITY. HE ALSO
DISCUSSES WOMAN'S ROLE, DESCRIBES THREE ASPECTS OF REVOLUTIONARY
SOCIALISM NOW DISCERNIBLE ON WORLD STAGE AND COMMENTS ON CAPITALISM.
PORTIONS OF SIAD SPEECH ARE EXTRACTED AT LENGTH BELOW TO FURTHER
AMPLIFY COMMENTS MADE REFTEL REGARDING SIAD, WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND HIS
ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET IDEOLOGY AND LEADERSHIP.

2. THREE ASPECTS OF WORLD SOCIALISM: IN BEGINNING HIS SPEECH, SIAD
TOLD AUDIENCE THAT WORLD SOCIALISM NOW HAS THREE COMPONENTS: FIRST
IS SOCIALIST CAMP (SOVIET UNION, ET AL), FOLLOWED BY NATIONAL
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN FORMER COLONIZED AREAS, AND FINALLY, WORKING
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CLASS IN IMPERIALIST-CAPITALIST NATIONS. HE COMMENTS ON THESE

THREE FORCES AS FOLLOWS:

A. QTE WE ARE LIVING IN EPOCH OF WORLD-WIDE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (WHICH HAS) THREE MAIN CURRENTS. FIRST CURRENT (WAS) UNLEASHED IN FIRST HALF OF TWENTIETH CENTURY. THESE REVOLUTIONS CONSOLIDATED WOMEN'S RIGHTS NOT ONLY LEGALLY BUT THROUGH EVERYDAY SOCIO-ECONOMIC MEASURES THAT WERE UNDERTAKEN TO IMPLEMENT EQUALITY IN ACTUAL LIFE. TRIUMPH OF SOCIALISM OVER CAPITALISM AND IMPERIALISM HAS BEEN MAJOR HELP TO SECOND WORLD-WIDE REVOLUTIONARY CURRENT.

? QTE SECOND CURRENT IS HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT TO US BECAUSE WE ARE ITS COMPONENT PART: THE MOVEMENT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION IN FORMER COLONIZED AREAS OF WORLD -- IN ASIA, AFRICA AND CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT IS DAILY GAINING IN MOMENTUM. IN LAOS, VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA, THE OPPRESSED MASSES (AND) THE FORCES OF HISTORY ARE DRAMATICALLY SCORING GREAT VICTORIES OVER THOSE WHO WANT TO HOLD HISTORY BACK: THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM AND REACTION.

C. QTE THE THIRD COMPONENT PART OF WORLD-WIDE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IS REPRESENTED BY WORKING CLASS AND OTHER PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE IMPERIALIST-CAPITALIST NATIONS. AS EUROPE MOVED FROM FEUDALISM TO CAPITALISM, TWO CLASSES WERE BORN; THE EXPLOITING BOURGEOISE AND EXPLOITED PROLETARIAT. THIS HISTORICAL TRANSFORMATION AND RESULTING CLASS STRUGGLE GAVE BIRTH TO SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM...THROUGH SUPER EXPLOITATION OF COLONIES, (HOWEVER) CAPITALIST NATIONS WERE ABLE TO BUY BACK HISTORICAL TIME. THEY DIDN'T ABOLISH INTERNAL CONTRADICTIONS OF CAPITALIST SYSTEM BUT SIMPLY POSTPONED DAY OF RECKONING WITH OWN EXPLOITED CLASSES. EUROPEAN WORKING CLASSES BECAME MORE PURELY WELFARE-ORIENTED, MANY BECAME PRO-IMPERIALISTS, INFECTED WITH BOURGEOISE RACISM. WE REGRET THIS CORRUPTION OF WESTERN PROGRESSIVE FORCES. UNQTE.

3. REVOLUTIONARY INTERACTION: QTE THESE THREE WORLD-WIDE REVOLUTIONARY CURRENTS HAVE DIALECTICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER.

NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN ITS VALIANT STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND FORCES OF REACTION ENJOYS CONSISTENT SUPPORT OF SOCIALIST CAMP. NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE IS LIKEWISE DIALECTICALLY

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RELATED TO MOVEMENT OF PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN CAPITALIST NATIONS. LET ME CITE TWO RECENT EXAMPLES:

A. LIBERATION STRUGGLES IN PORTUGUESE AFRICA LED TO DOWNFALL OF FASCIST PORTUGUESE REGIME. WE WISH PORTUGUESE PROGRESSIVE FORCES EVERY SUCCESS. SOME ARE STUDYING WAY THEIR FORMER COLONIAL SUBJECT AMILCAR CABRAL HAS APPLIED SCIENTIFIC SOCIALIST THOUGHT IN.. GUINEA BISSAU IN ORDER TO DRAW SOME LESSONS FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO

LIBERATE EUROPEAN MASSES. THIS IS DRAMATIC EXAMPLE OF DIALECTICAL PROCESS OF HISTORY.

B. ANOTHER EXAMPLE...IS LONG AWAITED MOVE BY ARAB AND OTHER PRODUCING NATIONS TO PRESERVE THEIR FINITE RESOURCES AND TO CORRECT INEQUALITIES

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IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE. THIS HAS EXPOSED HUGE PROFITS AND MANIPULATIVE TACTICS OF INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLIES OF OIL AND RELATED INDUSTRIES. THEIR DESIRE TO KEEP DRAWING HUGE PROFITS HAS LED TO CRISIS IN ALL MAJOR CAPITALIST NATIONS. EVERYBODY NOW CANNOT FAIL TO SEE SHARPENING CLASS STRUGGLE IN CAPITALIST COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE.

4. WOMAN'S ROLE: QUOTE YOU MUST URGE PROGRESSIVE AND WORKING WOMEN FROM CAPITALIST NATIONS NOT TO BE FOOLED BY PROPAGANDA OF RULING CLASSES. HISTORICAL TRENDS ARE CLEAR AS DAY LIGHT FOR THEM TO SEE. WOMEN ARE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AND THEIR PROBLEM IS SOCIAL PROBLEM -- IT CANNOT BE TREATED IN ISOLATION. FOR PURPOSE OF ANALYSIS

YOU MAY INDEED ISOLATE VARIOUS ASPECT OF ANY PROBLEM...BUT THIS SHOULD BE DONE WHILE HAVING A GENERAL HISTORICAL AND DIALECTICAL OVERVIEW IN ORDER TO GRASP DYNAMIC INTERRELATIONSHIP WITHIN ANY SOCIAL PHENOMENON. YOU MUST ALWAYS KEEP THESE HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIPS IN MIND. EVERY HUMAN PROBLEM MUST BE VIEWED FROM POINT-OF-VIEW OF TIME...OF HISTORY...OF THE DYNAMIC CHANGES IN MATERIAL CONDITIONS AND THEIR TWO-SIDED MOVEMENT. THEREFORE, DO NOT MAKE MISTAKE OF THOSE WOMEN WHOSE LIBERATION IS BEING MANIPULATED BY CAPITALIST AND IMPERIALIST INTERESTS. DO NOT MAKE MEN -- IN SO-CALLED SEX WAR -- TARGET OF YOUR STRUGGLE. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT BUILDING STRONG HEALTHY FAMILIES...PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES FROM EXPLOITATION OF IMPERIALISM AND CAPITALISM. THIS IS NO TIME FOR PETTY-EXHIBITIONIST, SEXIST QUARRELS...UNQUOTE.

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5. CAPITALISM AND SOMALIA: QTE WE BITTERLY CNG THAT INDUSTRIALIZATION THROUGH CAPITALISM WAS IMPOSSIBLE AND (THAT) IN ITS NEO-COLONIAL PERVERTED FORM WAS LEADING US TO OUR DOOM. BY HISTORICAL NECESSITY WE OPTED FOR SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM...IT IS (NOT) ONLY BECUASE CAPITALISM IS BRUTAL AND CAUSES INEQUALITIES, IT IS ALSO BECAUSE UNDER PRESENT STAGE OF INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLY CAPITALISM, INDEPENDENT CAPITALIST DEVELOPMENT IN FORMERLY COLONIZED TERRITORIES IS IMPOSSIBLE. WE HAVE FOR INSTANCE THE EXAMPLE OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA TO WARN US AGAINST ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT CAPITALIST DEVELOPMENT FOR OUR PEOPLE. THIS IS WHY I HAVE OFTEN INSISTED THAT SOCIALISM IS NOT AN ABSTRACT CHOICE FOR US -- SOCIALISM IS A MATTER OF HISTORICAL NECESSITY. ALL GENUINE NATIONAL LIBERATIONS, SOONER OR LATER, PROGRESS TOWARDS SOCIALISM. UNQTE.

6. MAKING HISTORY -- THEORY AND PRACTICE: QTE I BEGAN MY ADDRESS IN OPTIMISTIC MOOD CONCERNING REMARKABLE REVOLUTIONARY CURRENTS OF OUR CENTURY. MY OPTIMISM IS NOT BASED ON BELIEF CONCERNING BLIND INEVITABLE MARCH OF HISTORY. THE HISTORY I'M TALING ABOUT IS CONFIDENTIAL

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HISTORY WE ARE ALL MAKING WITH OUR CONSCIOUS EFFORTS...THAT IS HOW REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY IS MADE. WE SHOULD ALSO EXPECT CERTAIN SETBACKS -- THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM ARE STILL STRONG. IN CHILE, WE HAVE ALL SUFFERED A BLOODY SETBACK...WE SHOULD DRAW LEASSONS FROM SUCH SETBACKS. WE SHOULD EMERGE BETTER ORGANIZED TO DEAL WITH IMPERIALIST MACHINATIONS. THAT IS WHY WE ALWAYS NEED TO MEET, TO ANALYZE AND DISCUSS. WE HOPE YOU CARRY OUT YOUR ANALYSIS ALONG CIENTIFIY LINES. A REVOLUTION MAY TEMPORAREMLY FAIL EVEN IF IT IS BASED ON REVOLUTIONARY THEORY. THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT NEEDS A REVOLUTIONARY THEORY THAT RELATES IT TO THE WORLD-WIDE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT...WE ALSO HOPE THAT YOU DO NOT ENJOY ANALYSIS FOR SAKE OF ANALYSIS. YOUR THEORETICAL COMMITMENT MUST BE BASED ON PRACTICE AND IT MUST BE TVUSTED IN PRACTICE...INTELLECTUAL ANALYSIS FOR SAKE OF INTELLECTUAL ANALYSIS WILL NOT BRING ABOUT WOMEN'S EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND WORLD PEACE. WE ALSO KNOW THAT STRUGGLING WITHOUT THEORY, WITHOUT CRITICAL ANALYSIS, CARRIES WITH IT GREAT DANGERS AND RISKS ENDING IN REACTIONARY CORNERS. AS KARL MARX REMINDED US, BOURGEOISE PHIOPHERS SIMPLY WISH TO ANALYZE HISTORY BUT --

FOR THE EXPLOITED -- THE POINT IS TO CHANGE HISTORY. UNQTE.

7. SOMALIA'S MOBILIZATION EFFORT: QTE AS SOCIALISTS, WE REALIZE THAT MOBILIZING THE MASSES MUST INVOLVE NOT ONLY RAISING LEVEL OF IDEOLOGICAL CONSCIOUSNESS BUT ALSO ORGANIZING THEM AND CREATING INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR PEOPLE'S INITIATIVE TO EXERT ITSELF. WE HAVE CREATED A POLITICAL OFFICE WHICH HAS SPREAD ITS NETWORK OF CENTERS INTO ALL DISTRICTS AND REGIONS OF OUR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. THESE CENTERS HAVE BECOME RALLYING POINTS FOR ALL REVOLUTIONARY

PEOPLE -- WORKERS, YOUTH, WOMEN. UNQTE.

COMMENT: A. SIAD'S APRIL 3 SPEECH CONTAINS LITTLE THAT IS NEW TO HIS THINKING AND REAFFIRMS CERTAIN DOGMATIC ASSUMPTIONS HE HAS MADE IN PAST EMPLOYING MARXIST RHETORIC: QTE WE ARE NOT FATALISTS BUT OBJECTIVISTS WHO CORRECTLY ANALYZE THE COURSE OF HISTORY... WE BELIEVE LAW OF CONTRADICTIONS IS DRIVING FORCE OF DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN SOCIETY -- UNQTE. (1972). QTE I AM QUITE POSITIVE THAT SOCIALIST CAUSE SHALL BE VICTORIOUS BECAUSE HISTORY CAN NEVER TAKE A REVERSE COURSE UNQTE. (1973). QTE TODAY, SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM HAS SWEEPED GLOBE AND SOCIALIST SOCIETIES ARE BEING CREATED IN EVERY CORNER OF EARTH WHILE WORLD COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM ARE DYING UNQTE (1974).T
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B. ONLY NEW ELEMENT IN SIAD SPEECH WAS HIS LISTING OF THREE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES. I DISCUSSED SPEECH BRIEFLY ON APRIL 8 WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR SAMSONOV WHO TOLD ME HE HADN'T YET DIGESTED CONTENTS IN FULL BUT HAD BEEN STRUCK BY FACT THAT SIAD PLACED SOCIALIST CAMP AT HEAD OF REVOLUTIONARY FORCES. HE WAS PLEASED AND SAID HE THOUGHT THIS REPRESENTED CHANGE IN SIAD'S POSITION, SINCE PREVIOUSLY SIAD HAD PLACED NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN FOREFRONT. HE DID NOT RPT NOT DRAW OUT MEANING OF NEW ORDER, BUT I ASSUME IT SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT SOCIALIST CAMP LEADERSHIP (I.E., SOVIET UNION) WAS NOW UNQUESTIONED.

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